

Examiner: William P. Neuder
Appl. No. 10/754,022
Response dated Nov 22, 2004
Reply to office action of Oct. 21, 2004

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004. There are presently 7 claims pending in the case. In this response, claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 6 and 7 will remain unamended and claims 8-15 were added.

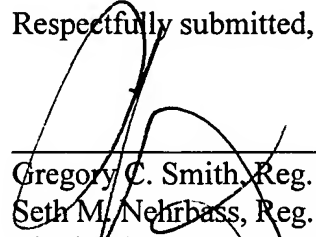
Applicant canceled claims 1-5 since claims 1-5 appear in U.S. Patent No. 6,745,855 and therefore these claims are moot. Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under obviousness in view of claims 1-5 of patent no. 6,745,855. Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Further, applicant is submitting new claims 8-15 which applicant is requesting that these claims be examined and that the case be in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory C. Smith, Reg. No. 29,441
Seth M. Nehrbass, Reg. No. 31,281
Charles C. Garvey, Jr., Reg. No. 27,889
Stephen R. Doody, Reg. No. 29,062
Brett A. North, Reg. No. 42,040
GARVEY, SMITH, NEHRBASS & DOODY, L.L.C.
PTO Customer No. 22920
3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 3290
Metairie, LA 70002
Tel.: (504) 835-2000